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Information

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1. At about 7 p.m. on 3 April 1953, 6 rocket launchers

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                     were loaded on flatcars and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets on a boxcar at the Rathenow railroad station for shipment toward Jueterbog-Altes Lager.                      the troops to have come from the Pionier Kaserne.<sup>1</sup> At about 2 p.m. on 5 April, 3 boxcars with military goods                     

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                     arrived at the Rathenow railroad station from Jessen on the "lster River. The cars remained at Rathenow-Nord.<sup>2</sup>                     

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2. From 7 to 9 April, troops and materiel from the Olympische Dorf were loaded in Doeberitz. The unit included trucks

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                     towing 42 field guns, trucks                      towing 9 x 57-mm AT guns, prime movers                      towing 12 x 100-mm AT guns, about 150 motor vehicles with gasoline, ammunition, food ration supply and billeting equipment, about 3,000 troops and officers with dependents.                      the quarters were being vacated for the KVP.<sup>3</sup> On 10 April, a total of 22 JS-3 tanks and SP guns which, apparently, subsequently moved to the Flak Kaserne, were unloaded in Dallgow-Doeberitz.<sup>4</sup> On 3 April, Units I and II conducted a 1-day field exercise at the troop training grounds together with the air force.<sup>5</sup> On 8 April, trucks                      towing 2 x 122-mm field howitzers were seen in the area of the Adler Kaserne.

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3. At about 7 a.m. on 1 April, 2 JS-3 tanks, 2 SP guns, 2 JS-tank chassis without turrets, ammunition boxes on 2 boxcars were loaded at the Eberswalde freight station by a detail of 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The train left toward Frankfurt/Oder. At about 2 p.m. on 1 April, a freight train including 4 flatcars with 4 T-34 tanks                      and 2 boxcars with troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets passed through the Eberswalde freight station from the direction of Bernau and proceeded toward Freienwalde.<sup>6</sup>

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4. The following unit left the Feldzeugmeister Kaserne, Brandenburg, from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. on 20 March: 31 trucks, 8 tank trucks, 4 other trucks, 1 ambulance, 6 sedans including 3 jeeps, 4 field kitchens, 5 field howitzers of 122 mm, a truck coupled to another vehicle, 2 gun barrel trailers with 203-mm guns pulled by prime movers, and 2 gun carriages pulled by prime movers. At the same time, the installation was entered by 3 trucks, 3 x 122-mm howitzers and 1 field kitchen. All trucks of the incoming as well as outgoing column were occupied to capacity by troops. Between 2 and 6 a.m. on 24 March, 10 gun barrel trailers of 203 mm, 10 gun carriages, 15

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howitzers [redacted], 39 prime movers, 9 trucks, most of them with trailers, occupied by troops, and 1 jeep entered the barracks installation from the direction of the Altstadt railroad station.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The train carried 6 rocket launchers of the 25th RL Brig which probably came from the Kraftfahrer Kaserne, however. The shipment of these guns to Jueterbog was previously reported. 25X1

2. [redacted] 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The transfer in 4 or 5 shipments from Doeberitz to Neustrelitz of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) was observed [redacted] So far it was assumed that the brigade moved to the summer camp near Speck. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] The planned reoccupation by KVP of the Olympische Dorf is reported for the first time. As long as 2 units and the hospital of the 1st Mecz Div are quartered there, it appears rather improbable that KVP units will be transferred there.

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5. [redacted] Comment. Unit I is the 19th Mecz Regt, Unit II the 219th Tank Regt of the 1st Mecz Div.

6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the tanks which passed through Eberswalde on 1 April belonged to one of the mechanized regiments of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1

7. [redacted] Comment. The elements observed [redacted] when they departed between 1:15 and 2:30 p.m. on 20 March were probably units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US) that moved by road to Altenrabow, from where they returned in four shipments on 24 March. [redacted] The number of 15 howitzers observed to have been unloaded on 24 March appears too high. So far, only individual guns of this kind have been observed with the brigade. 25X1

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